Production of medicinal plants and herbs

†1135. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:
SHRI SURENDRA LATH:

Will the Minister OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the production of medicinal plants and medicinal herbs in the country State-wise, especially in Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, North-Eastern States and in Uttaranchal during the current year; and

(b) the assistance provided during the last three years for promotion of farming of medicinal plants and herbs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) No such information is collected by the National Medicinal Plant Board.

(b) Information regarding amount of assistance sanctioned under Contractual Farming Scheme of National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB) during the last three years is given below:

Year	Amount (Rs. in lakhs)
2002-03	216.25
2003-04	841.10
2004-05	1808.74

Meningitis and Dengue cases in the Country

†1136. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of patients of meningitis and dengue are increasing steeply in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is a shortage of vaccines for the above diseases;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Meningitis and Dengue are epidemic prone diseases, which show cyclic fluctuations in the rise/

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